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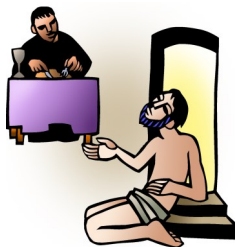
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service of the Word

Leader: People of St. John, what is our purpose?

All: To live for the Lord who made us, to love as Jesus taught us, and to serve where the Spirit leads us.

PRELUDE

+ GATHERING SONG

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#771

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

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+ GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:13*)

C And also with you.

P You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C a people holy to the Lord our God.

P Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children,

P Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

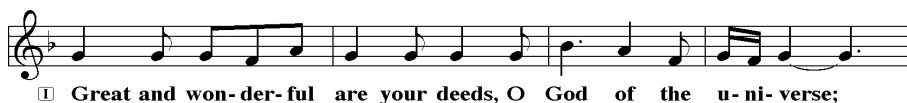
P One does not live by bread alone,

C but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

+ SCRIPTURE SONG



Sal-vation be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.



Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

C Let us pray. . . O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children will be dismissed to Children's Church following the Children's Sermon

CHOIR ANTHEM

FIRST READING: 6:1a, 4-7

^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,
⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of music,
⁶ who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

PSALM: 146

P Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
C ² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
P ³ Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.
⁴ **When they breathe their last, they re turn to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**
P ⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
C ⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**
P ⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.
C ⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are
bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**
P ⁹ The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
C ¹⁰ **The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the

faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



+ **THE GOSPEL:** Luke 16:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 16th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

Pastor Dennis King

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

Hymn of the Day *I Was There to Hear Borning Cry* #770
Please use your blue With One Voice Hymnal for hymn #770.

+ RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.
C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.** (*Ephesians 1:13-14*)

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

+ **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;
C **pray in the Holy Spirit.** (*Jude 20*)

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;
C **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** (*Jude 21*)

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
C **Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**
(*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
C **Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.**

Silence for reflection and self examination.

P Gracious God,
C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C **Amen**

+ PEACE

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. (*2 Corinthians 13:11*)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

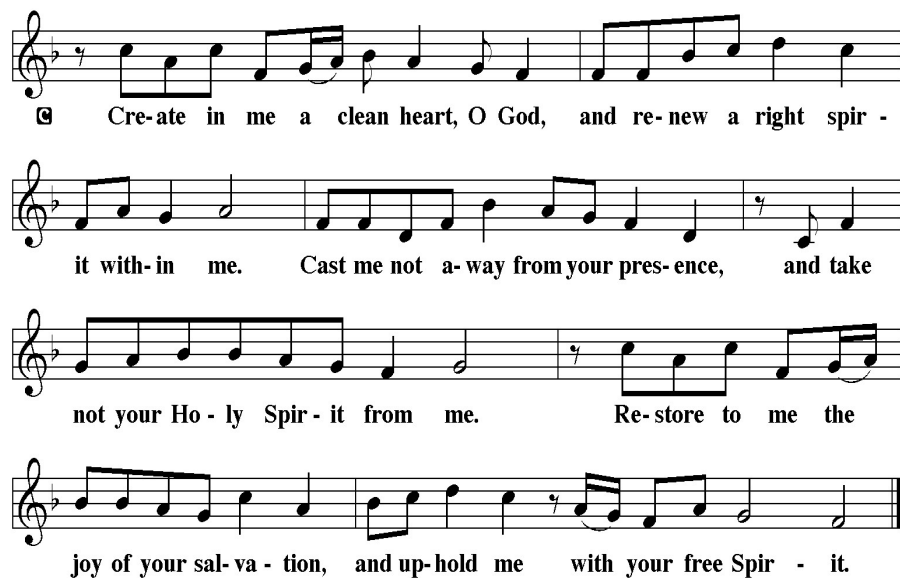
The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:

Peace be with you.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFERING

+ OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

P God, our Creator,

C you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

+ THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency that comes from wealth. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet for future generations and honoring the gift of your creation. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion, recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P We pray for people in any need (*especially*). Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to advocate for fair wages and just policies, and guide us in building a community of mutual support. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P O Holy Spirit, We pray for our next pastor. We know not who you are making ready to come and be with us, but we ask that you speed our meeting with one another, and that you make us ready to seek new adventures with a new shepherd at our side. Grant that we might make ready today to find the new tomorrow you desire for St. John Lutheran Church. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P We remember in thanksgiving the faithful departed. Inspire us by their example to love and serve our neighbors, and bring us to eternal life. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

+ BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and
forever.
C Amen

+ SENDING SONG *On Eagle's Wings* #779
Please use your Blue With One Voice Hymnal for hymn #779.

+ Dismissal

P Go in peace.
Children Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

+Stand as you are able

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SERVING TODAY

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Rick Williams

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH. We are pleased you are here. If you are visiting with us this morning, please sign our guest book in the entrance area. We hope you will join us again very soon.

WE WELCOME Pastor Dennis King as he brings us God's Word as our guest preacher this morning. May God bless us all with the love and spiritual gifts of this very special disciple of Christ. He served as St. John's pastor from 1981-1985.

LET US PRAY FOR: Dale Ramey, Emily Smith, Peggy Butler, Roberta Sommer, Rosemarie Becker, Patricia Cavendish, Jim Skipworth, Galen Gleim, Paul Means, Grace Mootz, Marcella Mootz, Barb Coakley, Kay Staker, Kimberly Tolliver, Barbara Redmond, Brian & Carol Hicks, Tim Coldiron, Danica Clarkson, Bill Murphy, Frank Dodd, Michael Copeland, Linda Martin, Jane Bussler, Rena McIntyre, Bill Culver, Brenda Moore, Melaine Hawk, Mike Mucha, Patty Poole, Kent Gifford, Nicholas Young, Jason Pierce, Beth Miller, Jane Staker, The Congregation of the Mountain Church in Asmushausen, Germany, the members of our armed forces, and those we hold privately in our hearts

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Don Moeser, who died Sunday, September 21. His Funeral will be at St. John next Sunday, October 5 at 2:00 p.m. May God comfort them in their loss, and ease their hearts with hope in Christ's promises of resurrection and reunion.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the Call Committee and Church Council as we search for a new pastor. May God bless and guide them in this journey.

BLANKET PROJECT meets Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

CHOIR PRACTICE on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

WE ARE restarting the visitation team. A two person team will visit shut-ins, the hospitalized or those in nursing homes. Also, we are starting an outreach program by sending a card from our church family to recognize birthdays, provide encouragement during illness or loss. Cards and postage will be provided. If you are interested, please see Cindy Oakes.

AS PART OF our celebration of our church's 150th anniversary, we are collecting family history/stories of how your family came to this country. We will be creating a booklet to share for Heritage Sunday in November. If you have a story, please see Cindy Oakes.

This Week at St. John

Today—*Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost*

9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

10:00 a.m. **Worship**

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Next Sunday—*Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost*

10:00 a.m. **Worship**

11:00 a.m. Reception in honor of Pastor King

Attendance

2025 Average	62
2024 Average	62

Next Sunday, October 5

Organist

Leigh Ann Henry

Worship Assistant

Vivian Riffle

Lay Reader

Brian Oakes

Prayer Leader

Brian Oakes

Greeter

Altar Committee

Nancy Williams, Virginia Nickel

Council President

Rick Williams

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS: Jordan Williams, Brett Oakes, Brian Oakes, Colin Long, Jodi Keaton, Cheyenne Otworth, Sonny Mullins, Maria Fraulini

BAPTISMS: Vicki Floyd, Adair Mercer, Shania Elrod, Matt Floyd, Lacy Hunt, Seth Odle, Tomn Bradley, Sam Tieman, Jill Barber,

ANNIVERSARIES: Alan & Ashley Salyers, Josh & Adair Mercer

IF WE MISSED ANYONE please let Vicki Bradley know so we can add you to the list.

Coming Events

Sunday, September 28 at 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

Sunday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Dennis King preaching
Reception following worship.

Tuesday, September 30 at 10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, October 5 at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Janet Hatch preaching
A Lite lunch following worship.

Tuesday, October 7 at 10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, October 12 at 9:00 a.m. Lite Breakfast in honor of our 1st Responders

Sunday, October 12 at 10:00 a.m. Honoring Our 1st Responders

Tuesday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, October 19 at 11:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 21 at 10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, October 28 at 10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, November 2 at 9:00 a.m. Lite Breakfast in honor of our Veterans

Sunday, November 2 at 10:00 a.m. Veterans Sunday

Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, November 9 at 10:00 a.m. St. John's 150th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, November 9 at 11:00 a.m. Potluck/carry-in dinner

Wednesday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, November 16 at 10:00 a.m. special music by Jacob Tolliver
Reception following worship.

Sunday, November 16 at 11:00 a.m. Church Council

Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m. Annual Christmas Dinner
Followed by caroling

Wednesday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, December 21 at 10:00 a.m. Children Christmas Program

Sunday, December 21 at 11:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Honoring Our First Responder

Sunday, October 12

At 9:00 a.m. Lite breakfast.

Honoring Our Veterans

Sunday, November 2

At 9:00 a.m. Lite breakfast.

St. John's 150th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, November 9

Potluck/carry-in dinner immediately following worship.

Sunday, December 16

Special Music by Jacob Tolliver.

Reception after worship.

Sunday, December 14

Blessing of the Blankets

Annual Christmas Dinner immediately after worship

Following dinner Caroling

Join us Wednesday, December 24

At 7:00 p.m. for our annual

Christmas Eve Festival Service

of Candlelight and Holy Communion

Sunday, January 11

Annual Congregational Meeting

Immediately following worship.